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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 1266

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GDR TURNS BACK FEA EMPLOYEE FROM TRANSIT ROUTE

REF: BERLIN 1265

1. MISSION HAS BEEN INFORMED OF FIRST GDR REFUSAL TO PERMIT FEA OFFICIAL FROM USING TRANSIT ROUTE. AT 11:15 JULY 29 FEA OFFICIAL NORBERT VON NIEDING WAS PROHIBITED AT MARIENBORN FROM USING THE TRANSIT ROUTE FOR RETURN WITH FAMILY TO WEST BERLIN. NIEDING'S FAMILY WAS PERMITTED TO TRAVEL ON WITHOUT HIM.

2. WON NIEDING, A THIRD-LEVEL OFFICIAL LEITENDE REGIERUNGS DIREKTOR, TRAVELLING WITH WIFE AND TWO
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CHILDREN, WAS STOPPED AT MARIENBORN. AFTER 25 MINUTES

WAIT GERMAN OFFICIAL RETURNED TO CAR AND QUESTIONED HIM ABOUT HIS PROFESSION AND WHERE HE WORKED. HE REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND AT 12:10 GDR OFFICER TOLD NIEDING THAT HE WAS FORBIDDEN TO USE TRANSIT ROUTE. WHEN NIEDING ASKED WHY, HE REPLIED "BECAUSE OF ILLEGAL ESTABLISHMENT OF FEA IN WEST BERLIN." REPORTEDLY, AT ONE POINT SOVIET MILITARY OFFICER CAME OUT OF CONTROL BARRACKS AND OBSERVED WHAT WAS GOING ON. MRS. NIEDING ASKED IF SHE AND CHILDREN COULD DRIVE ON TO BERLIN, AND AFTER GDR OFFICER CHECKED, SHE WAS PERMITTED TO USE TRANSIT ROUTE.

3. SENAT TAKES LATEST INCIDENT SERIOUSLY AND HAS TOLD BONN THAT IT WOULD SUPPORT FRG REQUEST TO CONVENE TRANSIT COMMISSION. ACCORDING TO LATEST SENAT FIGURES THERE WERE 18 INCIDENTS ON JULY 29.

4. WEST BERLIN PRESS PEGS FEA STORIES TO BREAKOFF OF US-GDR TALKS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND HAS RETURNED TO THE FRAY AFTER DAYS REST WITH RUDE PAVO STORY (AS WELL AS SHORT SQUIB FROM AMSTERDAM -DE VOLKSKRAT") CONDEMNING FEA ESTABLISHMENT AND AGAIN THREATENING RETALIATORS ACTION ON TRANSIT ROUTES.

5. USCOB CONCURS. KLEIN

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